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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ABROGATION OF CONTRACT

1. EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICER HAS RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER DATED 7 JANUARY 76, FROM MR. TAHSEEN SABBAGH, GENERAL MANAGER OF AMMAN WATER AND SEWAGE AUTHORITY, TO MERCURY CONSTRUCTORS, INC., 3435 EAST ELWOOD, PHOENIX, ARIZONA. MERCURY WAS AWARDED CONTRACT FOR WATER WELL DRILLING IN JORDAN, SIGNED ON 13 OCT 75.
2. LETTER ALLEGES THAT MERCURY WAS TO BEGIN DRILLING OPERATIONS ON 15 NOV 75, BUT HAS YET TO BEGIN WORK, AND FURTHER THAT WORK SCHEDULE SUBMITTED ON 4 JAN 76 IS UNACCEXQTABLE TO AMMAN AUTHMRITY.
3. LETTER STATES THAT UNLESS MERCURY ACTS QUICKLY TO FULFILL TERMS OF CONTRACT, WATER AUTHORITY WILL EXECUTE CONTRACT THROUGH ALTERNATE LOCAL FIRM AND WILL CHARGE MERCURY PENALTIES AND EXPENSES OF DELAY. LETTER ACCUSES MERCURY OF ALREADY STANDING IN VIOLATION OF CONTRACT, AND THAT FURTHER DELAYS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
4. EMBASSY CANNOT VOUCH FOR ACCURACY OF CHARGES IN LETTER AS WE HAVE NOT SEEN CONTRACT. WE ARE ALSO UNABLE LOCATE ANY MERCURY PERSONNEL IN JORDAN. REQUEST MERCURY HEAD OFFICE BE CONTACTED AT ABOVE ADDRESS AND URGED TO CONTACT WATER AUTHORITY IMMEDIATELY TO ATTEMPT IRON OUT PROBLEMS. DEFAULT OF CONTRACT MAY LEAD TO TRADE COMPLAINT, IMPAIRMENT OF AMERICAN EQUIPMENT AND EXPERTISE IN DRILLING OPERATIONS, A LARGE FIELD IN JORDAN.
PLS ADVISE ACTION TAKEN.

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